

Remarks

Claim 12 has been amended and new claims 48-58 have been added.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

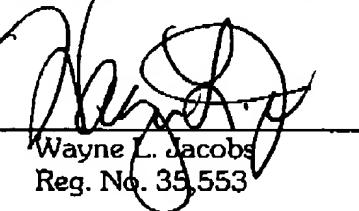
Claim 12 has been amended to place it in independent form. Thus, claims 12-15, 17 and 26 are now allowable, in addition to previously allowed claims 16, 18, 20-25, 27 and 32-42.

New claims 48-58 are drawn to additional allowable subject matter per the Board's January 15, 2004 Decision.

In view of the above it is submitted that this application is now completely in a condition for allowance. Re-examination of the application is respectfully requested, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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